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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF FOREIGN EXPORTS CONTRACTS TO  
PEKING UNIVERSITY

1. ON FEBRUARY 5 DR. ROBERT WINTER OF PEKING UNIVERSITY (PEITA)  
TOLD USLO OFFICER THAT YESTERDAY HE HAD HEARD FROM ONE OF HIS  
COLLEAGUES THAT CHINESE AUTHORITIES AT PEITA HAD TERMINATED THE  
CONTRACTS  
OF SOME THIRTY FOREIGN EXPERTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED AT PEITA. THE EXPERTS,

WHO WERE MOSTLY LANGUAGE TEACHERS, WERE TOLD THAT IF THEY WISHED  
THEY WOULD BE GIVEN OTHER WORK FOR THE BALANCE OF THE PERIOD  
OF THEIR CONTRACT BUT AT REDUCED WAGES. ACCORDING TO WINTER, THE  
HIGHEST PAID OF THE FOREIGN EXPERTS RECEIVES YUAN 600 A MONTH,  
BUT MOST ARE PAID AROUND YUAN 400. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, THE  
FOUR FOREIGNERS (TWO AMERICANS, DR. WINTER AND MARCELLA  
YEH AND TWO GERMANS) WHO ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE PEITA TEACHING  
STAFF AND WHO ARE PAID AT LOWER CHINESE SALARY LEVELS WERE TOLD THEY  
WOULD NO LONGER BE INSTRUCTING STUDENTS. THEY WOULD IN FUTURE  
SERVE ONLY AS ADVISORS TO TEACHERS.

2. WINTER SAID THAT 2ND AND 3RD YEAR STUDENTS AT PEITA WHO WERE  
ORIGINALLY DUE BACK IN JANUARY 1975 WILL BE EXTENDED IN THE  
COUNTRYSIDE AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE 1975. THE CHINESE GAVE LACK OF  
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STUDENTS AS REASON FOR TERMINATING THE CONTRACTS OF THE FOREIGN

EXPERTS.

3. WINTER ALSO SAID THE GRAPEVINE AT PEITA IS SPREADING THE WORD THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE DOWN-TO-THE-COUNTRYSIDE-YOUTH HAVE NOT STAYED ON THE FARM. THOSE FROM BETTER OFF FAMILIES HAVE BEEN SHELTERED AT HOME WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THE CITIES BUT THOSE FROM POOR FAMILIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO SUSTAIN THEM HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO THE FARMS. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE YOUTH ARE TOLD THAT IF THEY BEHAVE FOR TWO YEARS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THEY WILL GET BACK TO URBAN AREAS. IF THEY DO NOT, THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE FARM FOR LIFE.

4. IT IS WINTER'S VIEW THAT THESE ARE ALL CLOSELY LINKED. HE BELIEVES FOREIGNERS ARE BEING SEPARATED FROM THE STUDENTS IN ORDER TO CONCEAL FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD THE EXTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEMS WITH THE "DOWN-TO-THE-COUNTRYSIDE-YOUTH" PROGRAM. THE TRUE BELIEVERS FROM PEITA ARE BEING KEPT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR LONGER THAN PLANNED IN AN EFFORT TO HELP SOLVE THE MONSTROUS PROBLEMS OF THE DISPLACED YOUTH.

5. SOURCE MUST BE STRICTLY PROTECTED.  
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